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- ...works with compressed data to increase speed of response and performs touching-up of image without de-compression
- ...Abstract (Basic): A technique for assembling images together involves each image being defined by several sets of data values, each set corresponding to a group of pixels of the image. The groups are arranged in a regular array across the image so that the sets of data values can be obtained from sets of first data, each of which defines the colour content of an image pixel in the group. Equipment for applying the technique comprises a control system (9,10) an assembled image store (5) and a modified image store (4). The control system (9,10) is used for determining the position of a first image relative to a second image in a desired assembled image, it operates the convert the sets of data values of the overlapping groups of pixels defining a region of the assembled images which overlaps and which is to be retouched into the corresponding sets of first data...
- ...If consolidates the **converted** sets of first data into an assembled set of data, **modifying** the assembled set of data as desired and storing the **modified** assembled data set in the **modified image** store (4). The control system also assembles the two **images** together and stores the assembled **images** in the assembled **image** store (5). Regions of the assembled **image** corresponding to previously **modified** regions are defined by the respective stored assembled data set in the